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Research Interests

Ethical Persuasion, Political Economy, Behavioral Economics, Institutional Corruption. Ethics, Trust, Public Policy, New Institutionalism, Theories of Justice, American Political Development, History of Political Thought, Behavioral Genomics, Lobbying and Regulation, Incentive Design, Research Methods, Education.

Academic Appointments

Research Fellow, Sept 2013 - Current
Harvard Initiative for Learning and Teaching,
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Lab Fellow, Sept 2011 - Aug 2013
Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics,
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Post-Doctoral Research Associate Aug 2010 - Aug 2011
Political Theory Project,
Brown University, Providence, RI

Education

Duke University, Durham, NC

Ph.D., Political Science September 2010

- Dissertation: *Social Thought and Social Change: Methodological Dilemmas at the Intersection of Science and Ethics*
- Committee: Mike Munger, Michael Gillespie, Tom Spragens, Evan Charney, Stanley Hauerwas

M.A., Political Science December 2006

- Field Concentrations: *Political Theory, Methods, Political Economy*

Oxford University (Worcester College) Oxford, UK

M.St., Ethics October 2004

Duke University, Durham, NC

B.S. with Distinction, Economics May 2003

B.A., Mathematics

Refereed Journal Articles

[1] "Genopolitics and the Science of Genetics" *American Political Science Review.* April 2013: Vol 107 (2), 382-395. (with Evan Charney)

[2] "Candidate Genes and Political Behavior" *American Political Science Review.* February 2012: Vol 106(1), 1-34. (with Evan Charney)

[3] "Demystifying Trust: Experimental Evidence from Thailand and Cambodia." *Journal of Theoretical Politics.*, April 2012 vol. 24 no. 2 172-209.

Scholarly Publications

[4] "Economic and Ideological Corruptions of the Regulatory State" *Society*, January, 2014 (forthcoming).

[5] "Institutional Corruption and the Crisis of Liberal Democracy" Edmond J. Safra Working Papers, No. 15. June, 2013 (42 pages).

[6] "Locke, Hegel, and the Economy" *Society*, October, 2013: Volume 50, Issue 6.

[7] "The Political Economy of Government Expansion: Why Civil Society Must Supply What Government Can't" in *The Economic Challenge*, Edited by Harold James and Michael Bordo (forthcoming).

[8] "The Demographic Challenge to Entitlements: A Comment, Criticism, and Caveat" *The New Atlantis* Stuck with Virtue Symposium (forthcoming).

[9] "Varieties of Liberalisms and Their Lessons for Today" *Perspectives on Political Science* (forthcoming).

[10] "Corruption in Bioethics" *Compendium of Global Bioethics* (forthcoming). Edited by ten-Have and Gordijn. Springer, 2013.(20 pages) (with Jennifer Miller).

[11] "Unlocking the Secrets of Human Biology: Implications for Diplomacy, Security, and War" in Rose McDermott and Peter K. Hatemi, eds. H-Diplo ISSF Roundtable on "Biology and Security", *H-Diplo ISSF Roundtable Reviews* Volume I, Number 2 (April 2010) (p. 6-34).

[12] "The Compartmentalization of Moral Inspiration," *Proceedings of the 36th St. Gallen Symposium*, Switzerland: St. Gallen Press, 2006. (p. 103-107).

Book Reviews and Essays

[13] "The Voting Gene: when it comes to complex behaviors, gene variants don't count for much" *Scientific American.* Nov 2012 (with Evan Charney).

[14] "The Ethics of Competition" in the Harvard Ethics Center *Research in Action* Blog. http://ethics.harvard.edu/lab/featured/239-william-english-the-ethics-of-competition August, 2012.

[15] "Can Neuroscience Tell Us Anything About Virtue?" review of *The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement* by David Books in *Public Discourse*, Sept 23, 2011.

[16] "Still Awaiting Redemption" review of *Redeeming Economics: Rediscovering the Missing Element* by John D. Mueller in *The Intercollegiate Review*, Spring 2011 (p.57-60).

[17] "Illiberal Arguments" review of James Kalb's *The Tyranny of Liberalism* (part of a larger symposium) in *First Principles* May 13, 2009.

[18] "What has Athens to do with Jerusalem? Political Philosophy and the Christian Church" *Religio* Volume 2 Issue 1, Spring 2008 (p.10-13) (campus journal)

Journal Articles Under Review

[19] "Understanding the Inconsistency of Risk Preference: experimental evidence and broader implications."

[20] "Divide Our Dollars, Not Divide The Dollar: Redistribution, Fairness, and the Ultimatum Game" (with Benjamin Barber).

[21] "What Can Ideal Theory Do for Politics?"

Working Papers

[22] "Cheating When It Harms Others: Ethics, Incentives, and Effective Interventions."

[23] "Trust Perceptions of Different Professions: Rationales, Correlates, and Remedies."

[24] "Do Dopamine Genes Predict Success on Wall Street? Don't Bet on It."

Book Projects

[25] *Pure Inquiry or Pragmatic Insights: A Short History of the Social Sciences*

[26] *Ethical Persuasion and Social Change: Understanding and Overcoming the Limits of Analytic Methods*

[27] *Varieties of Corruption and the Architecture of Public Trust* (research project with Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics)

Grants and Honors

Kenan Dissertation Fellowship in Ethics, Kenan Institute, Duke University *2009-10*
- Comprehensive graduate fellowship

Duke Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship Travel Research Award *2009*
- $2,500 for field research in Cambodia and Thailand

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant *2008*
- $8,500 NSF award to run experiments in support of dissertation research

Summer Fellow, Duke Center for Genomics, Ethics, Law, and Policy *2007*
- $6,000 summer research award

Wings of Excellence Award, St. Gallen Symposium *2006*
- 5,000 Euro essay award for essay on Inspiring Europe

Teaching Experience

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

"Institutional Corruption" *Spring 2014*
- Lecture Course, Designed and Co-Taught with Larry Lessig

"The Philosophy and Methods of the Social Sciences" *Spring 2013*
- Lecture Course, Designed and Co-Taught with Eric Beerbohm

Brown University, Providence, RI

"Poverty and Prosperity: The History, Ethics, and Economics of the Wealth of Nations" *Spring 2011*
- Lecture Course, Designed and Co-Taught with an Economic Historian

"Freedom" *Fall 2010*
- Seminar Course, Designed and Taught

Duke University, Durham, NC

"Ethics and Policy Making" *Fall 2008*
- Lecture Course, TAed for Evan Charney

"Liberty, Equality, and the American Constitution" *Spring 2008*
- Lecture Course, TAed for Erwin Chemerinsky

"History of Conservative Thought" *Fall 2007*
- Seminar Course, Designed and Taught

"Introduction to Political Theory" *Fall 2006*
- Lecture Course, TAed for Tom Spragens

Additional Teaching Interests

Political Economy; Biology, Rationality, and Ethics; Analytical Politics; Theories of Justice; American Political Development; New Institutionalism; Behavioral Economics; The Global Economy; Lobbying & Regulation; Persuasion; Leadership in Context; Ancient Political Thought; Modern Political Theory; Statistical Methods; Game Theory.

Presentations

"Institutional Corruption" State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs (SAFEA) executive education program (Duke Center for International Development), 2013

"Economic and Ideological Corruptions of the Regulatory State" Manhattan Institute Conference on the Regulatory State (New York, NY), 2013

"Putting Biological-Behavioral Findings in Perspective: conceptual issues and empirical examples" Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL), 2013

"The Architecture of Trust in Public and Private Institutions" Southern Political Science Association (Orlando, FL), 2013

"Overabundance and Serendipity in Gene Association Studies" American Political Science Association (New Orleans, LA), 2012 [accepted]

"Varieties of Corruption and the Architecture of Public Trust" American Political Science Association (New Orleans, LA), 2012 [accepted]

"Candidate Genes and Political Behavior" Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences (Boulder, CO), 2012

"Divide Our Dollar, Not Divide The Dollar" Public Choice (Miami, FL), 2012

"Rent Seeking and Institutional Corruption" Harvard Law School, Lab Seminar on Institutional Corruption (Cambridge, MA), 2012

"Gene Association Studies in the Social Sciences" Columbia University (New York, NY), 2012

"Why Defining Corruption is Harder Than You Think" Southern Political Science Association (New Orleans, LA), 2012

"The Political Economy of Government Expansion: Why Civil Society Must Supply What Government Can't" The Economic Challenge (Princeton, NJ), 20011

"Stable Risk Preferences Don't Exist: experimental evidence and implications" American Political Science Association (Seattle, WA), 2011

"What can 'ideal theory' do for politics?" Brown Political Philosophy Working Group (Providence, RI) 2011

"Demystifying Trust: experimental evidence from Thailand and Cambodia" Duke Political Economy Work Group (Durham, NC) 2010

"Two Genes Do Not Predict Voter Turnout" American Political Science Association (Washington, DC), 2010

"Demystifying Trust: experimental evidence from Thailand and Cambodia" (poster) American Political Science Association (Toronto, CN) 2009

"Charles Taylor's 'two cheers' for modernity" Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Conference (South Bend, IN) 2009

"Ethics and Economics: new thoughts on an old debate" Public Choice (Las Vegas, NV), 2008

Professional Memberships

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association
- Association for Political Theory
- Public Choice Society

Extracurricular Academic Activities

- VISU Vienna Summer University- Scientific World Conceptions Summer Seminar, Vienna University, Austria
  - Chance and Necessity (2005)
  - Philosophy and Economics (2006)
  - Consensus in Science (2007)
  - History and Philosophy of the Biomedical Sciences (2008)
  - The Culture of Science and Its Philosophy (2009)
  - Applied Science (2012)
- Central European University, Budapest- Summer Seminar (2008, 2010)
- Summer Institute of the Lehrman American Studies Center (2008)
- Coordinator of Provosts Common Fund Project on "Cognitive and Behavioral Genomics, Evolution and Race, and Behavior." (2007-08)
- Duke Neuroeconomics Journal Group (Huettel and Platt labs) (2006-08)
- Duke Institute for Genome Sciences and Policy- Science and Society Group (2006-08)
- Duke English Dept- Working Group on Sovereignty (2006-2010)
- Duke Economics Dept- History of Political Economy Working Group (2007-09)
- Liberty Fund (colloquia)

Previous Work Experience

- Financial Analyst, Conflict Securities Advisory Group (Summer/Winter, 2001-02)
- Ibanking101.com campus organizer for UVA and Duke (2001-02)
- Laboratory Technician, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Law Enforcement Standards (Summers, 1999-2000)
- Physical Science Aid, National Institute of Standards and Technology Optical Technology Division (Summers, 1997-98)

Scholarly Resources

Reading knowledge of Latin and German
STATA and "R" Preferred for Statistical Analysis

References

Michael C. Munger (e-mail: munger@duke.edu; phone: 919-660-4301)
Professor Of Political Science, Economics, and Public Policy
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